## Law Enforcement Liaison and Education (LELE)

#### The Problem

Purdue learned from various law enforcement officials throughout the country that they wanted training and education about the complex nature of prescription drug diversion.

### The Response

Purdue created the Law Enforcement Liaison and Education ("LELE") Unit to assist law enforcement in combating prescription drug abuse and diversion. The LELE is made up of retired state law enforcement officers from across the United States. These officers were chosen because of their experience in dealing with prescription drug-related crime and healthcare fraud issues. The LELE unit offers a wide array of programs, such as:

**Training.** Training sessions run from one to eight hours on subjects dealing with prescription drug abuse and diversion. Topics include: "Lawful Prescribing and Prevention of Diversion," "Abuse and Diversion of Controlled Substances," major case investigations (the investigation of criminal prescribers), pharmacy scams, scams against physicians, and programs for law enforcement on pain, physical dependence, and addiction. A Purdue physician board-certified in the field of pain presents the part of the program involving addiction, abuse, and how the medicines work.

Educational Material. LELE provides drug identification cards with full-color, actual size photographs of the most commonly abused prescription drugs, according to the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators. These cards (a copy of which is attached) are beneficial to officers who encounter pharmaceuticals on the street and want a quick and easy reference to identify them. LELE also provides brochures for law enforcement officers to distribute to pharmacies and medical offices on "Providing Relief...Preventing Abuse," as well as "How to Protect Your Practice," "How to Protect Your Pharmacy," and "How to Protect Your Institution" against drug diversion. (See Tab 1 – Anti-Diversion Brochures.) These brochures contain tips for doctors and pharmacists to use when writing or dispensing prescriptions and how to recognize fraudulent prescriptions and drug seekers. There is space on these brochures for each department to place its own contact information.

Education Programs for Health Care Practitioners. The LELE unit also makes presentations to medical groups to help them become aware of the schemes that drug seekers use in an effort to unlawfully obtain prescriptions. Health care professionals are often unaware of "doctor shoppers," how legitimate prescriptions are altered, and other means a drug seeker will use to obtain a prescription, either for personal abuse or for resale on the street. LELE also provides law enforcement officers, dispensers, and prescribers with information about tamper-resistant prescription pads that are difficult to alter or copy.

#### The Results

The LELE programs have been well received by both law enforcement and by the medical community. The following is a summary of the LELE statistics since 2004. The first two columns indicate contacts with law enforcement officers and healthcare practitioners, respectively each year. The second two columns reveal materials distributed to the various law enforcement and healthcare professionals through exhibits, presentations and literature requests (NADDI Drug Cards and Anti-Diversion Brochures).

Law Enforcement Officers		Healthcare Practitioners	NADDI Cards	Anti-Diversion Brochures
2004	31,983	5,205	21,473	11,236
2005	30,586	3,770	21,311	64,826
2006	8,160	1,067	18,335	57,162
2007	7,748	2,041	14,368	67,812

Attached are examples of responses Purdue has received to this program.

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RE: Abused Pharmaceutical Substance Brochure

Dear Mr. D'Ulisse,

Recently several of our staff members along had the opportunity to attend one of Ritch Wagner and Dr. Sherry Siegel's presentations on Prescription Drug Abuse and Diversion sponsored by the Indiana Coalition of Court Alcohol and Drug Services in Indianapolis, Indiana. During the presentation it was announced that Purdue could make available copies of the Abused Pharmaceutical Brochure to agencies involved in law enforcement, doctors and pharmacies. Our agency, the Monroe County Probation Department in Bloomington, Indiana (home of Indiana University) serves a community of 120,000 people and 8 Circuit Courts. We are a certified Court alcohol and drug program which translates into conducting substance abuse assessment, random urine drug screens, and field visits on the majority of those offenders placed under the Department's supervision. The brochures would not be made available to the public and only used by Probation Officers, Drug Court case managers and community corrections field staff. The Department currently has 40 probation officers and 7 field officers.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. I already have one copy of the brochure after attending your presentation last year in Louisville during the National Sheriff's Association. I must say after being in this field for more than 20 years, I learned more on pain medication in that one afternoon workshop than I ever had in the past. Thank you and Purdue for your efforts in educating those of us in the field.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mara.

Thank you for your participation as an instructor at the 5th Annual Drug Diversion School to Rounake, Virginia, October 3'd through the 7th. Without instructors such as you, we would not be able to provide the quality training the students deserve. We have carefully selected the courses and instructors for this week tong basic investigator training program so that the students receive the tools they need to begin or advance their careers in the phantageutical drug diversion investigation evena. Please know that your knowledge. skills and abilities as a seasoned instructor make our school possible.

Planning is already underway for the oth Annual Drug Diversion School to be held in October 2006. We hope we will be able to count on your continued support and participation next year.

Tirans you again on behalf of the Virginia State Police, Department of Health Professions and NATIOI for your support or our basic drug diversion investigator founding school.

Sincerely.

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Dear Mr. Gibbs:

On behalf of TODAY, Inc. and Bucks Promise for Youth & Communities, I want to extend our sincere thanks for your presentation at the prescription drug abuse conference last week. Your message was timely and extremely well received.

As you will see from the enclosed evaluation synthesis, everyone left feeling they had learned something new. Several people commented on how much they enjoyed your presentation with Dr. Siegel. At the end of the day we began the process of developing a plan of action to help reduce the problem. Representatives of three of our local legislators attended, and we are already looking into legislating tamper-resistant prescription pads.

Your willingness to share your knowledge, experience and insights helped ensure the success of the conference. It was incredibly helpful to hear that law enforcement, education and medicine may approach a problem from different perspectives, but all have the same basic desire to protect our children. From those shared experiences we can draw collaborative solutions.

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Again, many thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

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